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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Rochester Institute of Technology is the eleventh largest private university in the country with nine colleges and an emphasis on career education and experiential learning. We offer a full range of STEM (or STEAM) degree programs including, but not limited to, engineering, computer science, architecture, game design, imaging science, and sustainability, as well as photography, metalworking and ceramics. We are determined to prepare all our students for success with one of the largest and the fourth oldest cooperative education programs in the world. RIT is home to the National Institute for the Deaf giving us international recognition for our leadership in deaf and hard-of-hearing education. RIT routinely engages in multidisciplinary collaboration both within the university and with outside organizations. These partnerships are a fundamental component to research and help achieve our mission of student success.

One of our technology partners over the years has been Time Warner Cable. The company's passion for STEM education with Connect A Million Minds has been a perfect fit for several of RIT's programs. One such program is Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival, a one-day event on the RIT campus, free and open to the public, drawing over 30,000 visitors annually. Visitors of all ages experience the breadth and depth of innovation at RIT with close to 400 exhibits and performances and over 2800 student, faculty and staff exhibitors. Imagine RIT, with the help of Time Warner Cable as premier sponsor for the last six years, has established itself as a signature event for the Rochester community as well as a significant educational opportunity for K-12 students and families. In fact, the Imagine RIT festival was voted best kid friendly festival in Rochester (based on a recent survey by Kids Out and About).

In addition to Imagine RIT, Time Warner Cable has sponsored the SMASH summer camp program for girls who preparing to enter eighth grade. SMASH is designed to give female students hands-on experience in applying mathematics to science thereby giving them the confidence they need to pursue a STEM field in the future.

A final example of the great relationship RIT has with Time Warner Cable is the "Wouldn't It Be Cool If..." contest. Time Warner Cable sponsored the competition and RIT provided the venue and members of the judges' panel. We helped coordinate the transportation of a group of middle school students from the local Boys and Girls Club to campus one afternoon. The students were asked to imagine and draw a product that would make daily living better and easier.

Chairman Wheeler, we at RIT feel it is important to highlight the strength of Time Warner Cable in meeting community interests and needs beyond their core business in the cable broadband industry. If the merger for Time Warner Cable, Charter, and Bright House Networks is approved, we believe the resulting organization, New Charter, would continue to serve as a great community partner for RIT and for other organizations nationwide with an exceptional drive for innovation and quality customer care. In addition to growing more students with STEM skills and an entrepreneurial spirit, with 18,250 students and over 4000 graduates a year, RIT could be a great source for employees for your new company. We produce one of the largest number of computer science graduates, second only to Brigham Young where there are 50,000 students. We hope you will accept this endorsement to support companies that are invested in community development and approve the merger. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Destler', written in a cursive style.

William W. Destler, Ph.D.
President
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